

## LOCAL NEWS.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 4.

**THE AQUEDUCT ALL RIGHT.**—A dispatch from Washington, received by us at one o'clock to-day, brings the gratifying intelligence that the jury in the Aqueduct case, under instructions from the Court, have returned a verdict of NOT GUILTY. We hope now that the matter is finally adjusted, and that Alexandria will be allowed to reap the fruits of her enterprise and expenditures, in peace. Alexandria is the natural outlet for the coal trade of the Canal, and now that a splendid and durable Aqueduct has been erected, at great cost, and the canal put in fine boating order, our people may confidently look forward with bright hopes to the opening of navigation, when a heavy coal trade may be expected, and a consequent impetus given to the business of our city.

**THE RIVER.**—The river was again frozen entirely across last night, the ice being from an inch to one inch and an eighth thick. The Washington Ferry boats are laid up, but the Aquia Creek steamers continue to make their trips, though with much difficulty. It is reported that there are some twelve or thirteen boats loaded with oysters, just below Fort Washington, ice bound, and while the ice continues in its present state, thereabouts, they cannot be towed up. The Government tugs from the Forts, below, are unable to make their trips. The ice is reported to extend down for a considerable distance below Aquia Creek. In the rays of the sun, to-day, there was a slight thaw—but hardly any impression was made on the ice in the river.

**HOSE COMPANY.**—A meeting was held last night in the Star Engine House, for the purpose of organizing a Hose Company. After effecting an organization, under the name of the "Hope Hose Company," the following persons were elected as officers: President, George W. Henry; 1st Vice President, S. N. Aubin; 2nd Vice President, T. L. Monroe; Recording Secretary, W. H. Jenkins; Corresponding Secretary, W. H. Jenkins; Treasurer, Z. T. Davis; Foreman, N. G. Nowland; 2d Foreman, Wm. Zimmerman; 3rd Foreman, L. Shuman; 4th Foreman, Charles Marshall. The company intend holding a fair the last of April or the first of May, for the purpose of raising funds to procure an outfit.

**REV. MR. BITTING.**—The Lynchburg Virginian says:—"Rev. Mr. Bitting, the new pastor of the Baptist church of this city, preached his first sermon Sunday, before a large congregation. The discourse was an able one, and gave evidence of a high order of speaking talent. It could not have failed to make a most pleasing impression on its hearers, and the congregation may well congratulate themselves on having secured a pastor so well calculated to discharge with ability and efficiency the duties of his high office. Mr. Bitting will take a high position among the clergy of the city."

**NEW TIME TABLE.**—In accordance with arrangements made at the late Railroad Convention, at New Orleans, a new time table on the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad, will go into effect on Wednesday, the 11th inst. By the new schedule the time between New Orleans and New York, will be reduced to three and a half days. The Southern train will arrive here at 5:45 instead of 7:30 p.m. as at present.

**MOUNT VERNON ASSOCIATION.**—The Fourth Annual Soiree of the above named Association will take place on Wednesday evening, March 11th, at Washington Hall, and is expected to be one of the most pleasant affairs of the kind that has taken place in this city. The committee are using every means in their power to please their friends, and all who may attend.

**THE FISH WHARF AT GEORGETOWN.**—The fish wharf at Georgetown has been rented for one year, to Mr. John Theaker, for \$260.—Last year the same property rented for over \$500.

**GERMAN CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the above named Association will be held at Washington Hall to-night, for the purpose of electing officers &c.

**THE DEFALCATION CASE IN WASHINGTON.**—Mr. Clarke (late cashier of Riggs & Co.) was known as a genial, good-hearted man, and a number, we are sorry to say, of our business people, induced him to cash their checks, when at the time not a dollar was to their credit in the bank. To cover such checks drawn, Mr. Clarke would visit the vault, withdraw a note of large denomination from one of the numerous packages therein, and replace it by one of a small amount; consequently his cash account always appeared correct at the end of each day's business.

The first step was made at the instance of one of his friends, and was continued to oblige others, until he was ruined. Mr. Riggs deeply deplores the position in which Mr. Clarke has placed himself, as he was one of the most trusted employees, occupying a responsible and confidential position for the past fifteen years. Mr. Riggs is satisfied that the amount lost will be made good, but states that he would have preferred to have lost the whole amount than to have lost confidence in Mr. Clarke.—The rumor that Mr. Clarke left for California is not correct. He is now with his friends North, and they have made arrangements to settle all his indebtedness without any loss to the bank.

On Monday week Mr. Clarke was in the bank, and on being questioned by Mr. Riggs as to the discrepancy in his cash, admitted that he had used the funds of the bank, but that it had been given to his friends on their checks, which they failed to make good. He then explained how the account had been balanced each day, and appeared overwhelmed at the discovery of his gross betrayal of confidence.—*Washington Express.*

**ASSAULT.**—At a late hour on Saturday night Mr. Richard Turner, well known from his connection with the Libby prison during the war, was severely handled by ruffians. Mr. Turner states that he was met by three white men, one of whom knocked him down. He must have been senseless for some time, as, when he came to himself, the rascals were out of sight. His jawbone was broken and several lower teeth knocked down his throat. Dr. Waring rendered him timely surgical assistance, and he is now doing well.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

**THE AQUEDUCT CASE.**—The case of the U. S. vs. the lessees of the Alexandria Canal, was again before the Criminal Court, Judge Carter, in Washington yesterday and occupied the entire session.

Gen. Wells continued his argument begun yesterday, sketching the history of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, of the legislation of Congress, and of Maryland and Virginia in relation to the junction of this aqueduct and the Alexandria canal with the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, contending that all these acts showed this aqueduct to be the main feature of this system of internal navigation, and that Congress had expressly recognized and authorized the aqueduct at its present location.

Hon. Reverdy Johnson said it would save time if defendants now moved the court to instruct the jury that they could under no circumstances find a verdict of guilty. The Court was bound to notice judicially the statutes of Congress, and by reference thereto it would be found that Congress chartered the Alexandria Canal Company, and afterwards recognized their right to make the aqueduct, and appropriated, in 1832, \$100,000, and in 1837, \$300,000, in aid of building the aqueduct, and in 1844 passed an act for the protection of the aqueduct by providing that any person injuring it should be liable to indictment. Looking at these statutes, it was impossible not to see that this structure, now alleged to be a nuisance, was constructed under warrant of legislative authority. Now, after the acquiescence of years, Georgetown comes in and asks the Court to tell the jury that Congress has authorized the defendants to perpetrate a crime upon the public. Congress, under the eighth article, had power to legislate as it did in the case in question. Mr. Johnson quoted a New York case, (Gibbons vs. Ogden,) in relation to the navigation of the Hudson river, and the celebrated Wheeling bridge case, as bearing upon the question at issue. It was decided in the first of these cases that the right to regulate commerce applies as well to domestic as to foreign commerce.

The Court suggested that the prosecution did not deny the right of Congress to authorize the building of an aqueduct over the Potomac, but rested on the ground that the canal company had not pursued the authority granted by Congress, but had gone outside of that act in making the structure complained of.

Mr. Merrick said that the ground on which the prosecution rested was contained in the following extract from the opinion of Mr. Justice Barbour, in the case of Georgetown vs. Alexandria Canal Company, in 12th Peters: "If Congress has given the canal company power to construct the aqueduct, and in the construction that company has not exceeded the authority given them, either in the thing done or in the manner of doing it, so as to produce the least injury or inconvenience practicable, consistently with the execution of the work, it would be difficult, as a legal proposition, to predicate of such a work that it was unlawful, or that it was a nuisance." The prosecution held that the converse was also true.

Mr. Johnson contended that the act of 1830 gave the canal company the choice of the place at which to build the aqueduct, and lent its pecuniary aid to complete it at the place where it now stands, and made it penal, in 1844, to destroy or injure the aqueduct. The case was not here for the first time. Georgetown strove to try the right of the aqueduct to cross the river; and though that case went off because the corporation had no right to come in court in that form of action, but Mr. Justice Thompson, who delivered the opinion of the court, pronounced that the power to construct the aqueduct had been granted the canal company, and that they had exercised the right in accordance with that power. He closed by paying a compliment to the enterprise of Georgetown, but contended that Congress could not intend to give her advantages which had been denied to her by nature.

Mr. Brent argued that the case in 12th Peters did not in any degree determine the question now at issue. The Corporation of Georgetown, in that case, undertook to test this right, and all that the Supreme Court decided was that no corporate rights being violated, the corporation had no right to sue, the remedy being left to the private parties injured. He did not deny the right of Congress to authorize the building of this aqueduct, but contended that Congress had granted no right to locate the aqueduct at its present position. Congress could allow the Potomac to be dammed below Alexandria, and the three cities to be made a howling wilderness, but before courts admitted that Congress intended to grant such power they would require very clear language. Such clear language was used in the act legalizing the Wheeling bridge. Certainly a collateral act appropriating money or restraining warranty injury to the aqueduct was not such a clear declaration of legislative sanction to this nuisance, as to be conclusive upon the judgment of any court. The universal rule was that the grant of a franchise in connection with navigation must exercise that grant of power so as to do the least possible injury to navigation.

After a suggestion of the discussion to the fourth clause of the indictment, which charges that the defendants have made an additional structure in excess of the powers granted by Congress.

Mr. Merrick said he would prefer to discuss all the counts. He argued that the act of Congress gave the canal company no unlimited choice of site for the aqueduct. There must be some limit, and that limit must be found in the idea that public improvements should accommodate each other, and the aqueduct should be so constructed as to do as little injury to navigation as possible. The Court could not determine this fact, and it must be decided by a jury, and the motion of Mr. Johnson was at an end.

At the close of Mr. M.'s argument, the court adjourned.—*Wash. Rep.*

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## CITY ITEMS.

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**REMOVAL.**—S. DEALMAN has removed to his new and elegantly fitted up store, No. 108, KING STREET, (formerly occupied by Schoeller & Bro.) one door above the old stand, where he will be pleased to see his old customers and the public generally. feb 14-24wt

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